

WEEKDAY MASSES
15th – 20th March 2010
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY 15TH MARCH –FERIA.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, I put my trust in you; I shall be glad and rejoice in your mercy, because you have seen my affliction.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.

ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word,
because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I shall put my spirit within you, says the Lord; you will obey my laws and keep my decrees.

TUESDAY 16TH MARCH - FERIA

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come to the waters, all who thirst; though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
A pure heart create for me, O God,
and give me again the joy of your help.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH- ST PATRICK

Born about 385 into a Christian Roman family living somewhere on the west coast of Britain, at the age of 16 he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. His faith was deepened during his captivity and after his escape he decided to become a priest. Having been made a bishop he returned to Ireland in 432 with the task of preaching the gospel to a still mostly pagan population. He was very successful and in 444 he was able to set up his see at Armagh. By this time there were other bishops and many clergy. Patrick died in 461 leaving a well-established church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you; and I will make you the father of a great people.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you into fishers of men.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sent disciples to proclaim to the people: the Kingdom of God is very near to you.

THURSDAY 18TH MARCH – FERIA

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

O Lord, remember me
out of the love you have for your people.

ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Your words are spirit, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will put my law within them, I will write it on their hearts;
then I shall be their God, and they will be my people.

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH – ST. JOSEPH

All that is known of St Joseph comes from the Gospels. The picture which emerges is of a just, kind, dignified and level-headed man, prompt in action but self-effacing, and always faithful in his role as guardian of Jesus. Now he has the title of guardian of the Universal Church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

His dynasty shall last for ever.

ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord,
for ever singing your praise.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Come, good and faithful servant! Share the joy of your Lord!

SATURDAY 20TH MARCH – FERIA

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The snares of death overtook me, the ropes of hell tightened around me; in my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Lord God, I take refuge in you.

ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man,

- it is the Lord who speaks –

but in the turning back of a wicked man

who changes his ways to win life.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have been ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, as with the blood of a lamb without blemish or spot.